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SECURITY INFORMATION

NIS COMMITTEE MEETING NO. 129
15 April 1952

1. The following were present:

Dr. Appleton	State
Mr. Clinton	State
Lt. Col. Kiel	Army
Col. Kirgis	Navy
Lt. Jones	Navy
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[REDACTED]	CIA (Vice-Chairman)

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2. The Vice-Chairman referred to the Committee's decision to re-examine the current list of controlled NIS areas, and inquired whether the members were prepared to present the views of their respective agencies as to the revision of the over-all control list. (Refer to paragraph 3, NIS Committee Meeting No. 128). In a general discussion of this matter it was brought out that the Deputy Director of Naval Intelligence was preparing a paper for submission to the IAC requesting a re-examination of the policy governing the release of information to foreign governments. Since NIS would be affected by any change in over-all control policies, the Committee decided to defer action on revision of the NIS control list until such time as the members have an opportunity to review the IAC findings in this connection.

3. Discussion was resumed on the proposal of the Chapter IX coordinator that that portion of subsection 91-C-5, prepared by the Maritime Security Division of the Hydrographic Office, be dropped from the studies, or that responsibility for production be transferred from MSD/HO to the Division of Chart Construction. (Refer to paragraph 4, NIS Committee Meeting No. 128) The Navy member reported that the contributor agrees with the coordinator that MSD contributions are to a large extent a duplication of the material submitted by the Division of Chart Construction, and that the remainder serves no useful purpose. He proposed that the particular portion of the sub-section in question be dropped, and the other members of the Committee concurred in this proposal.

4. The Vice-Chairman announced the receipt of a memorandum from the Navy member requesting a re-examination of the present policy of classification of NIS, as set forth in the Revised Standard Instructions, with a view towards possible revision of the requirement that all textual pages of each section of NIS be given the same security classification. The Navy member pointed out that

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elements frequently have an over-all classification of Secret whereas the bulk of the material should more properly be classified Confidential or Restricted, and if the sub-divisions within a section could be classified according to their individual merits it would permit more widespread dissemination of this material. The Vice-Chairman stated that he is in agreement with the principle, but that the mechanics of publication would not readily permit assignment of different classifications within a section. He pointed out that the NIS Section has been established as the production unit, and must carry one over-all security classification. Parts of several sub-divisions within a section may appear on a single printed page in the published NIS, and each of these sub-divisions may carry a different classification under the proposed plan. About eight manuscript pages go into the makeup of one printed page of the NIS (both sides), and the NIS is printed 16 pages to a single form. A breakdown of classification within a section would require additional detailed instructions to the printer, and extensive review by D/B of proofs and final printed material to insure that the final product carried the proper classification. This additional burden on D/B and GPO would increase processing time and further delay publication of NIS. After discussion the Committee agreed that the present policy, which requires that all textual pages of each Section carry a single security classification, should be continued.

25X1X7. The Army member stated that his agency has received a request from that draft copies of NIS be made available to them. The Vice-Chairman stated that NIS material in draft form is regarded as departmental intelligence until such time as the studies are actually published. Dissemination of such drafts is determined by the producing agency, and the policy has been to limit dissemination to activities of the IAC agencies having need of the drafts for use in connection with the NIS production program. Normally, NIS draft material is produced only in sufficient number of copies to meet NIS processing requirements. Following a brief discussion, the Committee agreed that as a general policy draft copies of NIS may be disseminated only to activities under ~~25X1X7~~ jurisdiction of IAC agencies. The Army member will prepare a reply direct setting forth the above-stated policy.

6. The Army member informed the Committee that G-2 has received a request from SHAPE to make available studies on Railways and Highways in Sweden and Finland. NIS was not requested specifically, but Sections 31 (Railways) and 32 (Highways) in NIS 11 (Sweden) and NIS 12 (Finland) provide the information desired. The Army member stated that a request made by SHAPE for the release of NIS on the USSR and the Satellite Bloc countries had been referred to the IAC since a policy decision was involved. After discussion, the Committee concluded that a similar policy question was involved in this instance, and agreed that parallel procedure would be followed. Accordingly, the Army member agreed to present the matter, through channels, for IAC consideration. Subsequent action will depend upon the IAC decision.

7. The Army member stated, for the information of the Committee, that Section 22 (Coasts and Landing Beaches) NIS 27 (Turkey) scheduled for April would be delayed due to the fact that Navy has received important additional

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information which should be incorporated in the study. The work involved will preclude its completion by the due date. He said that it is anticipated the study will be completed in August, and the Committee will take cognizance of this change at such time as it makes adjustments in the tentative FY 1953 schedule.

8. The Vice-Chairman reviewed the current production situation. He informed the members that as of 15 April only 4 sections had been received in D/B out of approximately 51 sections scheduled for the month.

9. The State member requested that the Committee approve dissemination of the complete Standard Instructions, on a need to know basis, to the contributors to the Chapter VI studies, rather than only those portions relating to their contributions. The Committee approved this request.

10. The next meeting of the Committee will be held at the call of the Vice-Chairman.

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